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Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your request under the Access to Information Act received on July 15, 2013, in which you seek for the period from June 22, 2013 to present, all records, correspondence and documentation related to the search of private homes and the seizure of firearms in High River, Alberta.

Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. Please note that some of the information has been exempted under Sections 16(1)(a)(i)(ii), 16(2), 19(1), and 21(1)(a)(b) of the Access to Information Act. Copies of these sections have been enclosed for your easy reference.

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Yours truly,

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June 27, 2013

D.N. (Dale) McGowan
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Dear Deputy Commissioner McGowan:

During this flooding disaster in southern Alberta, I have admired the dedication and commitment of Alberta's law enforcement agencies to maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of persons, property, and the communities. Earlier this week, I had the privilege to join the Hon. Vic Toews, Minister of Public Security through High River and he shared the same level of admiration for the terrific service from members of the RCMP.

As discussed with you yesterday, throughout my visits to High River over the past week, some residents in High River have asked why firearms were collected from numerous private dwellings. The concerns from residents revolved around three general concerns. First, I would ask you to please confirm that these firearms are stored and not confiscated or seized. Second, is there a plan to communicate to Albertans a process to retrieve their lawful property? Last, will there be a process if proof of ownership was destroyed in the flood?

Again, I thank you and the RCMP for their exceptional service at this time of crisis in southern Alberta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Denis".

Jonathan Denis, QC
Minister

SAD_Flooding - FIREARMS: Seized for Safekeeping / Return to owner

From: Wade SPARKS
To: SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013/06/28 10:04 AM
Subject: FIREARMS: Seized for Safekeeping / Return to owner
CC: MORTON, Kevin

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Firearms identified as stolen will be made subject of a new PROS file and assigned for follow up. Individuals identified as being prohibited from possession will be dealt with per existing policy. These firearms will be added to PROS Property screen and secured in the main exhibit holding locker. A Report to a Justice (5.2) will be required for the firearms deemed to be stolen and / or subject of a prohibition order.

S/Sgt. Morton to confirm by Email once all firearms have been checked on CPIC and advise results.

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>>> Terry WICKETT 2013/06/28 10:16 AM >>>

Kevin - I spoke with Wade on this issue - if you want an extra resource on the firearm issue - I can assist with that area as a firearms verifier with id of firearms etc. whenever that may be also the firearms guys in section might be good resource for it as well.

Terry

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SAD_Flooding - RT: CBC News - High River provides an update on re-entry plans - 2013-06-28, 14:45 ET

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Station: CBC News
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Summary: CBC News reported live from High River where officials provided an update on re-entry plans.

>> Reshmi: And now to High River, Alberta, with an update on when people can return home. Let's listen in.

>> We have several hundred thousand people in reception centres now and we have 12,000 to 14,000 people from all over and cards from people displaced all over High River and it is important to us and we appreciate you reporting this so that how things are progressing and we are at day eight or day nine and sometimes it feels like it's day 89 because there has been so much that's gone on and it began with the tremendous amount of water and we all know that. A system the likes of which we have not seen and one that dropped a tremendous amount more of water and we have a lot of data analysis to do and the initial reports indicate that once the water levels reached in many areas to 1-100 year flood that they continued to exceed that and then many of the systems started to fail so we have a lot of data analysis to catch up and we don't know if it was a 1-500 or 1-1,000 year event and more than 1-100 and exceeded it quite remarkably. That being said, the province and to the municipal counsellors and my colleagues from every department to provide resources to make sure that Albertans were kept as safe as possible and mitigated this as quickly as possible. There were almost 30 communities in Alberta and unprecedented that had various stages of the emergency and some focussing on the emergency efforts and with planning and preparation as they went forward. And no doubt that the effect on our community was very different. Some had moderate damage and are moving quickly and some with more extensive efforts and High River is the epicentre and the community with just as much house damage but no other community that had extensive infrastructure damage and when this was completed there was no water and no sour and there were no have nothing and it made it difficult to start the recovery process for (indiscernible) because you need to know how far the community has come and led by local folk and I remind you guys every time that emergencies are managed at the local level. And the people in the community have done an exceptional job of bringing services online. You have heard people comparing this to Slave Lake which was a tremendous disaster and so does the mayor and this is a disaster, not a flood, in this community. But unique challenges were the infrastructure damaged not just the bridges and roads which we know of and we had one service truck just a few days ago skillfully found another sink hole which is why we're still working very hard to make sure that we have safe and secure communities. We allow people back in. And we had a sewer gone and in this situation and this isn't just a flood and a disaster. When water comes in and it destroys things and washes out and 2/3 flying over of this community is still underwater because it is a collection bowl for the water. This means we have much more challenging infrastructure needs before we can allow people to roll back in. And it is quite remarkable actually in many places and power starting to be restored and we have done engineering assessments to find out if roads are safe in communities and health inspectors and home inspectors have been going through. And we can work on getting people back into communities. And that and Minister Frazier will speak about that shortly. We are looking at re-entering even though some of the infrastructure damage is much more significant than any other disaster we have had in this province, flooding or fire, and we are looking at being potential 50% ahead of schedule on when people are going to be allowed to re-enter. That is because of some of the incredible work of the people of the community led by the mayor. Now, you can imagine all the devastation and the damage is incredibly hard to cope with. And I know that even on the ground here has been working for 20 and many circumstances 24 hours a day for eight or nine days now to try and address the situation. And so even exhaustion can become a factor. We don't want it to become a factor in order to make sure that we address the challenges. This morning the mayor called me and asked if the province would be willing to accept the responsibility of

managing now the recovery efforts going forward because we are at such a critical junction approaching the point where people will be able to start to re-enter in a phased approach. If we would assume responsibility to make sure that and help relieve some of the fatigue by bringing in new resources and I said yes. We have an O.C. that resigned which I believe this is circulated already which has us assuming responsibility and Minister Frasier will be overseeing the recovery efforts here until such time and I don't think it will be a very long time. We have made enough progress the stress and tension level goes (indiscernible) and people feel safe and secure that high river will return to normal sooner rather than later. I want to once again praise the mayor and the municipal councillors who have done an exceptional amount of work. And now the minister will lay out the strategy going forward.

>> Thank you. When I have seen what's been happening on the ground and I want to emphasize what the mayor has been seeing in the evacuation centre and yesterday I saw a woman breast feeding her child with three kids around a cement table in the middle of the heat and I can tell you that the mayor and his council and... came here to bring the full force of the government to assist the people because when we got elected, it was for the people and to do what have right for the people and that is what we will do and if we are not doing that, then what the heck are we doing. And as we continue, we are going to think of those people and I am pleased to say that tomorrow residents will be able to re-enter their homes in a small portion of the northwest part of the city. Providing that it is safe and we will provide more detail on that in the future. This disaster, as the minister said, and the mayor and everybody recognizes, is not just your mundane flood. It is a disaster. And that extraordinary circumstance requires an extraordinary response. And that is what mayor block and council recognize and that is what they have done. They have asked the government to come in and make sure that we handle the full responsibility of this emergency moving forward. In my role, I'll be assuming all that responsibility. I'll be supported from the Alberta emergency management agency and other provincial officials and town employee. They will (indiscernible) me with all necessary plans and programs and will have the full resource of the provincial government. This afternoon we'll implement a three-phase plan to support and recover the long-term restoration of High River. Phase one is to make the town safe and begun construction of tech rare neighbourhood. Once I leave this media conference, my team and I will conduct a safety assessment of the town and affirm the entry criteria. Following the assessment, residents will have the opportunity to tour the town on buses. Phase two begins tomorrow with a stage re-entry for some residents in the northwest corner and that is just a week after the flooding which is a testament to the amazing work we have seen from the elected officials on the ground. In Slave Lake it was 12 days and they didn't have to worry about a secure road system and is critical to focus on the health and safety reasons and where we enter the state of emergency.

>> We will hand over responsibility and it is essential that we come together and dig deep and feigned the patience and -- and find the patience and situation and I know that you are stressed and frustrated if you are one of the evacuees of a person living in high river that is ousted out of your home by this flood. So give me your patience and we are here to work for you and the resident of High River. Thank you.

>> I asked the government to take over emergency leadership (indiscernible) in the town of High River. It is clear that the size and scope of this disaster is beyond anything we have ever seen before in Alberta and is bigger than the destruction suffered by Slave Lake as devastating as that was. The situation is much bigger, more complex, and more difficult than our municipal council can handle. I have asked Minister Fraser to help oversee the immediate recovery and first steps to restoration and there are powers and resources the province can -- and expertise that can marshal far beyond what our council can do and we will need all that support to get the town back on the feet. The council and I will continue to play a key role in High River and handle nonemergency functions and do whatever we can to support associate Minister Fraser in ensuring the first priority which is getting all the residents home as quick as possible when safe to do so and returning life back to normal in High River.

>> Good afternoon, everyone. I am inspector Woolsey and I am the spokesperson for the RCMP on emergency operations and I have a relatively short operational update for you this morning. And of course, as always throughout this incident, public safety remains job one for the RCMP in High River. I am pleased to report that the community remains secure overnight if RCMP has approximately between 160 to 200 RCMP officers on the ground in this community around the clock keeping it secure. We have no known breaches of the perimeter last night and that is good news. We continue to provide police officers to assist home inspection teams in keeping them safe and secure and all the parties here in facilitating the quickest return to High River as we can. I want to finally continue to thank the public and all of the citizen of High River for their patience in these trying times and operation and I was at several of the reception centre and the love and respect I felt for the RCMP was heartwarming given the circumstances those people find themselves in. I can't thank them enough. Thank you. Questions? (Question inaudible)

>> Sure. Schreiber and I will leave cards up at front for you and so the northwest should get in tomorrow and then as we go directly south, we will work our way in a deliberate, methodical fashion from east to west and from lesser

affected to more affected areas. We think that will be about a week before we do the southern part of the city and then there is that on the west side of the highway and an issue on where the big pond is where the homes are still underwater which could take up to three to five week before we can pump it out and dry it out and have people back in there.

(Question inaudible) Sewer, water, electricity, sink holes, roads, just generally unsafe conditions and conditions that have moved back and black mold and there is a myriad of issues with all of those.

>> You said west to east and you -- you said east to west but meant west to east.

>> We are doing sector one tomorrow. Sector two, expecting that to be ready between three to five days depending on how quickly the assessment teams work. Three and four and five to seven days. And then sector four will probably take much longer and three to five weeks because it is still underwater. The one peninsula of land that is not covered, how long for them?

>> We'll be more specific about the peninsula of land.

>> Right in the corner along the highway.

>> So here? Right here.

>> Right above. Okay. So if we can get to those houses and if it is safe, then we may allow re-entry. But one of the problems is that this infrastructure that is supporting all those homes is, still all underwater. The homes may be above water but the power and sewer and all that stuff is underwater.

>> How many people are going home tomorrow?

>> First of all, again, it is an extensive process and to recognize that somebody I have called in with the expertise to help me in this process. As we go through it, it is important to remember that every house we see while it looks safe on the outside may not be safe on the inside and we need to make sure the inspectors get in there and the health inspectors make it safe and number one priority. And second time as we go through it again, we are asking for great patience because as they do the bus tour they may assume their house is safe and go through that and give us the time and start tomorrow to put people back in their homes in that quadrant and most of the homes have already been visited and there may be one or two left that need to be visited by a home or health inspector and we will get them in there and allow people later tonight to see their home and start that process whether it's grieving or getting prepared for the next stage.

(Question inaudible) this is difficult to say. It is a long weekend and people are all around the province and if they are available to come and want to get into their home, they will get into the home depending on the criteria and there are homes where people will not be able to get into but with supervision and understanding to grab personal belongings and others will be able to move right in. (Question inaudible)

>> We are tracking about 1,000 home and probably about 5,000 people. And they won't all be able to go home tomorrow because some of the homes are damaged beyond occupying. (Question inaudible) so use the analogy from my life as a paramedic. When somebody drop in the middle of the street, there is lot of people that want to help but do they have the expertise that is beneficial for the patient. We have highly skilled expertise on the ground doing the work as we speak. If the people want to help, there is people in shelters that need food and that need encouragement and that is where we can use their help the most. Give us time and we are working through this and are making great progress and will continue to do that. (Question inaudible) the bussing will work with a staged area and 1900 hours, 7:00 today, essentially we'll have a ticketed system and we'll have a certain amount of buses there to bring people in and it will go from 7:00 to 8:00 tonight with a ticketed system and run buses day until people come through and we ask again for patience and immediately in the interim in the beginning basically a person 18 years of age or older and one person per household, no children, and we'll have chaplains on the bus, security on the bus and people to help them understand if the home is devastated and walk them through the process.

(Question inaudible) So the experience that we had in Manton is you can understand the magnitude and that is another event that exemplified that. And we have many people coming and unfortunately the service system in the building was up able to handle and when we got that switch we got through the line quickly and did 7,000 cards yesterday between both processing places and in fact, today there is no line-ups in Manton and I don't believe there is any lines anywhere and I have been receiving messages as the problems and hiccups come

along and yesterday we were able to get through the lines and feed the people in the lines and water them and have them shelter for them and will continue to do that. (Question inaudible)

>> Yes, I can speak on that. And as we speak on that, let's go back nine days ago during the initial emergency in the flooding situation. The RCMP responded and conducted a search and rescue operation in this community in which we entered every home that could safely be entered and that occurred over the course of several days. Of course of the operations naturally our officers do encounter firearms. In this case these specific circumstances, remember, there had been a flood, and people had tried to prepare to leave homes in a very orderly fashion and it appears as best we can tell from being inside the homes that some people removed firearms from secure storage and left them either with the intention of removing them from the home or putting them to higher ground where they would not be damaged or vulnerable to water and it is almost as if some of the places are frozen in time. And our instructions to officers and no different than Slave Lake to secure firearms found in plain view. (Question inaudible) we are not talking thousands. I know that number is perhaps out there. The information I have at this time is there have been several hundred firearms secured for public safety reasons by the RCMP and that is the bottom line in a case like this. We secure the firearms only for public safety reasons. In the unlikely event that we identify an illegal firearm, we will then consult with the crown prosecutors with respect to what we're going to do with those. But in the vast majority of cases and I hope all of the cases we are going to return those firearms to their lawful owners as soon as possible. And there is a plan in place and there is a plan that has been developed over time and over the past several days since this incident began that return process and there will be more communication on that in the days to come.

>> Reporter: Why is this a routine thing and in all the RCMP briefings that I was at, never was this seizure of firearms mentioned.

>> Over the course of the past nine days I have been asked hundreds and perhaps thousands of questions. It's never come up. And these -- the security of the firearms occurred during the normal course of RCMP operations. It is not remarkable for us. Like I said, a similar thing occurred in Slave Lake. It is part of our operations. Police officers across the province seize dozens if not hundreds of firearms in some cases monthly. (Question inaudible) I am not aware specifically of anything else that has been secured from homes. (Question inaudible) yes, we would have.

>> Reporter: Anything else? People would like to ask now because no one assumed before. (Question inaudible)

>> Not that I am aware of.

>> (Question inaudible) the extremely difficult moment in time but having been in the emergency operations centre for the past eight day, today is day nine, a lot of our staff are functioning in the key roles and I can tell you fatigue is beginning to set in and just these stress that our staff are dealing with is just burdening them down and this announcement today is acknowledging that they have done a heck of a job to get us through this stage and we are ahead of schedule and it is thanks to the folks in the E.O.C. that have got us to that point and to have fresh people come in and relieve the people is a god send. Thank you.

(Question inaudible)

>> the bus tours will continue day and we will make it available for all the people who want to see the homes and run them through until they are done. (Question inaudible) well, I am not going to give a definite timeline that on as we continue to go through, the numbers are difficult to track anyhow. But if it's possible to give people access, we'll give them access if the area is secured cleared (question inaudible)

>> That's difficult to say. There is obviously less than more and that is why that area is the number one priority at this point and will systemically go through each area from the least affected to the most affected. It's very difficult as you can imagine to go inside and assess the home when they are underwater and we continue our efforts to drain the water and remove it and will continue all those efforts. (Question inaudible)

>> There is no doubt that this is an emotional time and we will (indiscernible) and continue what they do here to move on and obviously job number one is train the water and we have will have to until we get that assessment.

(Question inaudible) again, if the house is completely unsafe and non-permittable but as I understand it, the plan is to allow people if it is in bad condition to ups the risk they may take on entering the home with the professional to grab some of the possessions without putting themselves in imminent danger and they will have to wait for the remediation process.

>> Sorry, if I can emphasize that it is important that appearances can be deceiving. The truck three days ago that fell into a zipping hole thought the road was fine. We have to make sure that the roads and homes are safe and can you imagine if someone went into a basement full of water and electrocuted themselves or a kid fell in a sink hole? It may look dry but we've got to make sure it's safe before they enter and professionals are working around the clock to do that

(Question inaudible) I am one of the individuals in that circumstance and I went to Mexico for two weeks in January and my house was fine when I got back and as long as I can get some suits and I have been the same three shirts the last three days and rolling them over and look to my role and grateful to Minister Fraser and the mayor and council and I have been holding a telephone town hall every evening at 8:30 pushing out the government information and the official announcement and a standing offer to Minister Fraser when he has time and I will keep doing that town hall and I see my role as helping to bring the temperature down and what I have experienced as I have been traveling around to the evacuation centre. People just want to know. And I think what you are seeing is that a number of people in the past when we have had flood incidents in the town they have never been locked out completely of the community and so it's the not knowing which is creating the frustration. If people know they have a green dot or yellow dot or orange or red on the door, it will make it easier for them to plan what the next steps are because if you are green it is a totally different path for the next number of week and months and if it's red, it is a totally different path for the next months and years and the actions the government is taking today to allow people to have access to at least see what the status of the house is will go a very long way towards bringing that level of acceptance and with allowing a number of residents to in the northwest community and that is fabulous news and I commend the government on moving so quickly on that. Danielle Smith. And I am the -- I don't have my official position hat on today.

(Question inaudible) we'll be able to roll out those new details and working feverishly to make arrangements for that right now. (Question inaudible) so again, we have committed the full resources of the government and as we go through it if people need assistance, we'll provide it. (Question inaudible) and so I'll leave that question to someone else to answer that question and we have people we are working with and doing everything to dewater the area. I would dare say, though, that if your basement is full of water doesn't mean that the house is not in a position to be remediated. We know that is not the case. We know that mold can be remediated and houses can be brought back to their wholesome and so we need to get the water out first and make the assessment based on the professionals and as we require and to bring in those resource

(Question inaudible) absolutely. We are in the final details and ready to announce that we will announce that.
(Question inaudible)

>> Obviously we want to make it as convenient as possible for people and not everybody who works in High River and also work in Calgary and other areas. And people want to be here as well. We'll work you through that.
(Question inaudible) (Question inaudible)

>> There will be details coming. We wanted to focus on this discussion today. We did announce the \$1 billion to immediately go forward and will be releasing the details of the disaster recovery program that we have operated and seen operate in other circumstances before and the 2005 floods and the slave lake situation. And will be glad to know the details to get on with remediating the homes and what the next steps are as quickly as possible

(Question inaudible) and Shane can probably and it's a matter of whether the streets and power systems are safe and when the premier and I did a tour downtown, it looked like a war zone and was incredible the devastation and the water marks were up to here the way it washed through town and broken glass and debris and chunks of log and wood and brick wall blown right out. I know people want to assess that and the priority first is from people's homes and getting people in to businesses and many of them are more concerned about the state of the business and getting their books out than they are about their home right now. We will be working with that.

(Question inaudible) Shane just hit the ground here when Rick was positioned and I know he and the minister will be doing an assessment of the work done and new resources coming in to make sure they utilize the full extent and it will take a few hours for minister and Shane to catch up and you don't want a lot of people standing around. You want a work plan and will have a better idea about how to roll this out and give you updates. (Question inaudible)

>> I will make it very clear this has nothing to do with anything like that and this is recovery efforts in the community and that is a policy discussion that none of us are prepared to entertain yet because quite frankly every resource we have is going not to just this community but to others and there will be discussion down the road and I am going to leave it down the road once we have got with the situation at hand.

(Question inaudible) you should have been at minister McQueen's press conference where he was surprised at how many recommendations have been done and the premier has been the premier for a couple of years and I have been the minister for a couple of years and when we found the report and realized it wasn't release and we have been working ourselves and minister McQueen's department and that it's better for all of us to continue to investigation in mitigation rather than remediation after the fact and we will continue to do that but a lot of recommendations have been slated or well in progress and I have said every single time that is not the end point. It is not a solution unto it and not to have that devastation and I will throw that out there and perhaps it is discussing more dams and to have the ability to manage some of that flow and we will have to have a bigger discussion and the mayor and i were discussing that on what to do to mitigate this and it is a great report and implementing every one of the recommendations and that is to mitigate to the 1-100 year event the evidence shows that this far exceeded that and the (indiscernible) and data collection we have to analyze how much the and we have a lot of work to go forward and it will be continuous

>> Nancy: You are watching a news conference in High River with an update on the situation in High River, the hardest hit community in Alberta since the floods swept through the province and that is very good news for some resident. Starting noon tomorrow some residents in the northwest part of the community will be allowed to return to their homes. It is going to be a gradual re-entry plan and even tonight local time around 7 00 in the evening, people will be allowed to get on buses and see the neighbourhoods that are currently at least accessible to see the homes firsthand. And beginning tomorrow people in the northwest part of the community will be allowed to enter their homes and they will difficult to different parts of the community and move from west to east and the southern part of high river was hardest hit and may be a week more and homes around the lake will be several weeks because so much is underwater.

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SAD_Flooding - RT: CBC News (Power & Politics) - Interview with MPs regarding PMO commenting on the RCMP securing inappropriately stored firearms in High River - 2013-06-28, 17:05 ET

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Rough Transcript

Station: CBC News – Power & Politics
Time/Heure: 17:05 ET
Date: 2013-06-28

Summary: CBC News – Power & Politics interviewed Michelle Rempel, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, Liberal MP Marc Garneau and NDP MP Linda Duncan regarding the Prime Minister's office commenting on the RCMP securing inappropriately stored firearms from homes in High River. Public Safety Minister Vic Toews was mentioned during the segment.

>> Rosemary: Well, Stephen Harper's office is urging the RCMP to return guns that officers took from evacuated homes in High River in the wake of massive flooding. The RCMP says it's securing public safety, but the Prime Minister's office has a different take. Earlier today the Prime Minister's office issued this statement. Take a look... So is the PMO interfering in the RCMP's relief efforts or did the RCMP cross the line by seizing weapons in flood victims' homes? Joining me now from Alberta in Calgary, actually, parliamentary secretary to the minister of the environment, good to see you there, Michelle Rempel. In Edmonton, the NDP public works critic Linda Duncan. And we are just trying to connect, and I think we have him, with the liberal natural resources critic, there he is, Marc Garneau who, of course, is in Montreal. Good to see you all. Thanks for doing this on a Friday before a long weekend. Michelle Rempel, let's start with you. You've been on the grouped there, too. I appreciate your perspective -- ground. The RCMP say they had to secure firearms left in evacuated homes as a matter of public safety, but the prime minister's office, as I just showed you, suggests the RCMP should focus on more important tasks. Do you think this is an appropriate statement for the government to be making seemingly to sort of give direction to the RCMP?

>> Well, I guess two points on that. First of all, I think what your viewers have to realize is the gravity of the situation in High River, which was the water came in hard and fast. You saw the images of people being evacuated on dump trucks. This is an exceptionally quick situation that occurred, and people tried to get their valuables on to higher ground before they had to leave. And that's my understanding on where some of these unsecured weapons came from. But that said, you know, we're also the party that has stood behind law-abiding gun owners, and certainly I think it is absolutely reasonable, more than reasonable, to expect that these people who have suffered the worst possible disaster would be reunited with their property as soon as possible. But, again, I think that the focus on this has to be ensuring that the people in High River, they need to be respected for what they're going through, and we certainly don't want to add any more stress to their lives right now.

>> Rosemary. I guess, though, my question is more specifically to the issue of the prime minister's office suggesting what the RCMP should do. I didn't think that that's the way things worked between government and the RCMP.

>> I think it's reasonable to suggest that law-abiding gun owners who have been through a very traumatic situation should be reunited with their property. Whitehorse' heard people, you know, quite incensed with this situation, and I think that is a position that's reasonable to take.

>> Rosemary: Okay, Linda Duncan, let's get your perspective on things. What did you think of the statement from the prime minister's office?

>> Well, let's take us back a month ago when we had a debate in the house where the prime minister was saying that members of parliament had no right to contact the RCMP. Presumably that also applies to him. I don't envy the

situation of the enforcement officers in this scenario. Our hearts in northern Alberta goes out to southern Alberta. What the RCMP themselves I understand are saying is in some cases it was clear that firearms' owners, because they were worried that their guns might get damaged in the flood, took them out of secure storage and put them in high locations.

>> Rosemary: Yeah

>> What the RCMP's obligation is, as I understand it, they're sent in to secure public safety. So they want to make sure that nobody breaks in and gets somebody's firearm. And also there is a law you have to secure a firearm. So my understanding, there is no intention of seizing anybody's firearm. They're simply stored in a safe place and it's good news hearing that people are starting to be able to go home to their homes. So it is a law that you have to secure your firearm. So if they're in the open right now, that's actually violating the law. So I think the RCMP from what I'm hearing are being very reasonable. Maybe the issue was -- I don't know how the people in High River were informed of this. Perhaps if they were told this in advance or something to calm people down.

>> Rosemary: Marc Garneau, your perspective. And speak specifically I guess to more directly to the prime minister's comments on what the RCMP was doing. The prime minister's office's comments.

>> Well, of course, our hearts go out to the people of High River who are going through a terrible time at this point, and it's understandable that tempers are frayed, but the PMO jumping into this, politicizing it, is totally inappropriate. This is the third time in three weeks that the PMO has missed an opportunity to keep its mouth shut. There is a serious need for some adult supervision in the PMO. What they said today was totally inappropriate. This is a local police matter that should be dealt with by the police in High River, and the prime minister's office has absolutely no business commenting on this.

>> Rosemary: Michelle Rempel, I can see you want to respond. Go ahead.

>> I'm so angry. I cannot believe that my colleagues would not even respect the basic rights that these people are asserting right now. You know, I agree with the comment that, you know, we want to make sure that people in that area have the utmost safety. Absolutely. But I think it is absolutely appropriate to say -- and, again, to my colleagues who perhaps have not been on the ground here and don't understand the level of stress that is happening in southern Alberta, particularly in this community, this is something that is worth saying. I don't think it's unreasonable whatsoever. I don't think that it can -- it certainly can be achieved in a safe way, but, you know, to suggest that somehow the PMO is playing politics when --

>> They are.

>> -- When all we're asking is that somebody who is law-abiding and has a right to property has that property returned. I think it's frankly insulting to the people of that community.

>> But I don't think, Michelle, that anybody has said -- my understanding is there has not been any indication that there is no intention of returning those firearms.

>> Absolutely.

>> The officers are on the spot. When you see an offence in plain view, the officers have to take action. They're not in any way haranguing or considering that anybody down there is violating the law. What they've said is they're seeing firearms. They think they were probably put in an unsafe place to try to protect the firearm, and their obligation on behalf of the homeowners as well is to make sure that those firearms are kept safe. And so I think the issue is obviously we want those to be returned to the appropriate owner when they get close to their home, and not until then.

>> And why would anybody --

>> Rosemary: Marc Garneau, then Michelle Rempel.

>> Why would anybody be suggesting they're not going to be returned? Of course they're going to be returned. The police went in there because they're responsible for safety. There may have been people who couldn't evacuate or didn't. They weren't looking for guns. They went in there because of their concern for the safety of people. [Indiscernible interjections] There were guns that were there. They decided for safety reasons because sometimes looting occurs, sometimes there's concern about the safety of some of these very valuable weapons. They went in and did what they thought was right. That is a matter that can be dealt with at the local level in High River. The prime minister's office jumping in and politicizing this is totally inappropriate.

>> I will push back. I agree with many of the comments Ms. Duncan made. Yes, we have to be concerned about safety. Yes, these arms have to be stored safely. But it is a reasonable expectation to have them returned in a timely way. Now, to Mr. Garneau's point, to accuse us of politicizing this issue after years and years of his party working against law-abiding gun owners I think is shameful.

>> You're getting off the topic, Michelle. You're getting off the topic.

>> No, marc. You brought this up -- Marc -- and it is fair game to push back on that. These are our constituents, Marc, because of that. Because of the fact we stood up for them for years and years and years. And to hear that today when we say this is a reasonable expectation is politicizing it, that is wrong.

>> Rosemary: But can I just make a point, Michelle Rempel? Regularly when the **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** is asked about RCMP investigations, for instance, very recently when he was asked about ongoing matters regarding Jeffrey Delisle, the convicted spy, he refused to answer saying the government does not comment on RCMP operational matters. And now today we have the government seemingly commenting on operational matters in High River. You haven't it both ways. You can either not comment on what the RCMP is doing or you can comment. But I don't understand why the rules sometimes applies and then it doesn't in other cases.

>> But you also have to compare apples to apples. Commenting on an active investigation is not the same thing as saying it is a reasonable expectation to have legally owned property returned to the people who own it. And that's the case here.

>> Rosemary: Okay. I'm going to wrap it up. That was a lively debate, and I appreciate you all being here. Michelle Rempel, I know you're out there pitching in, helping everybody out. Thanks for making the time today.

>> Thank you.

>> Rosemary: Michelle Rempel, Linda Duncan, Marc Garneau. Thanks to everybody.

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SAD_Flooding - Fw: Media brief for Jun 28/13

From: Garrett WOOLSEY
To: SAD_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Date: 2013/06/28 5:00 PM
Subject: Fw: Media brief for Jun 28/13
Attachments: Media brief for Jun 28/13

From: Francine HENNELLY
To: HAWKER, Brent; NEELY, Patricia; SCHOEPP, Janice; TURNBULL, Darrin; W...
Date: 2013/06/28 4:29 PM
Subject: Media brief for Jun 28/13

Have a great night everyone!
 Francine

Media June 28/13
Southern Alberta Flooding Summary
Period of 7:00 a.m. – 16:00 p.m.

7:00ish – TURNBULL roving Calgary providing Media Interviews to Morning Television

8:00 – EOC morning briefing – 2 media issues arising:

- Firearms
- Re-entry into High River

Media conference to be held in High River today at 12:30

Media Line extremely busy, most calls regarding firearm questions. Names & contact information was obtained and forwarded to TURNBULL & WOOLSEY as they will be handling all enquiries regarding firearms, in order to ensure a consistent message being delivered.

10:25 – release sent abmedia regarding home invasion/agg assault in Airdrie. No calls received on this.

11:47 – Firearms new release, approved by the Commissioner, was forwarded to abmedia. HENNELLY forwarded same to media on the extended media contact list.

12:30 – High River Conference – TURNBULL & WOOLSEY

14:00 – High River joint media Interview w/ Byline regarding firearms (Harry HAWKER National Firearms) – TURNBULL & WOOLSEY

Issues today:

Firearms – media line and EOC media line receiving calls from upset citizens regarding firearms

Name of Missing Person – to identify this individual and consider media release

List and addresses of numbers of homes damaged in the course of the RCMP entry

Cannot reach High River EOC

Residents calling media line & Calgary EOC to find out about towed vehicles

Other:

Garrett WOOLSEY is working tomorrow – he can handle all media calls regarding firearms

Brent HAWKER will be answering media line tonight and working from MWS from a location in High River

Brent HAWKER is currently with FIS obtaining video documentary on Members deployed for this incident

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For the record.

1400h interview with Hawker of the Canadian Firearms Association did not occur (logistics). However, Hawker did advise Insp. Woolsey and Cpl Turnbull that he was fully supportive of the RCMP acting to secure firearms in the case of High River

Garrett

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer
"K" Division



Gendarmes royale du Canada

Commandant
de la division "K"

June 28, 2013

Honourable Jonathan Denis
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
403 Legislature Building
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Dear Minister Denis:

Re: RCMP Storage of Firearms -- High River, Alberta

Thank you for sharing the concerns raised by members of the High River community in response to actions undertaken by the RCMP during the recent floods in southern Alberta. As part of the search and rescue efforts in High River, the RCMP conducted searches of the residences in order to preserve life and assist residents who were in need of aid.

During the course of these duties, numerous firearms were found in an unsecure state and were retrieved by RCMP members. In order to ensure public safety, while safeguarding the interests of the respective firearm owners, these items are being temporarily stored by the RCMP in anticipation of their safe return to the lawful owners.

A detailed communications strategy informing owners as to how to retrieve their property has been drafted. This strategy will provide the necessary information, including those persons whose proof of ownership may have been destroyed as a result of the flood, to be repatriated with their property in a timely fashion.

Please know that the RCMP remains committed to assisting the residents of High River as they return to their homes in the days and weeks ahead.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.N. McGowan".

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Commanding Officer "K" Division

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From: Garrett WOOLSEY
To: SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
CC: NEELY, Patricia, KADING, Laurel, JONES, Brian, STEPHENSON, George
Date: 2013/06/29 2:06 PM
Subject: COMMS: RETURN OF FIREARMS

From a comms perspective - i suggest we prepare a release to go out very soon after the first firearm is returned.

-----Original Message-----

From: SAD_Flooding
 To: SPARKS, Wade <wade.sparks@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Sent: 2013-06-29 02:47:15 PM

Subject: Fwd: Re: TASK: RETURN OF FIREARMS (SAD_Flooding_Forward)

SAD_Flooding_Forward

SAD_Flooding - Fwd: Firearms Update - High River

From: Grant GINGERYSTY
To: HARRISON, Kevin; SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013/07/02 2:33 PM
Subject: Fwd: Firearms Update - High River

>>> Rob Marsollier 2013/07/02 2:14 PM >>>
Grant,

104-firearm seizure files created.
542-firearms seized
85-have been returned to 7 people.

4-file have not been updated as to how many seized.
Largest seizure was 93 from one home of which 60 were returned.

rob

SAD_Flooding - Re: High River Detachment Complaints as of June 28

From: Grant GINGERYSTY
To: MCDONALD, John; SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013/07/02 2:53 PM
Subject: Re: High River Detachment Complaints as of June 28
CC: DUGGAN, Kevin; Marsollier, Rob

John,

FYI re spreadsheet.

Grant

>>> Rob Marsollier 2013/07/02 2:47 PM >>>

Gents,

Just a current break down of the number of complaints being dealt with by High River Detachment amongst their other duties.

	Day shift	Night Shift
June 28	9 – complaints 3 – Firearm seizure related	4 – complaints 3 – assist retrieval of belongings
June 29	18-complaints 4-Firearm seizure related	11-complaints
June 30	26-complaints 21-doors damage	15-complaints. 2-door damage/2-Firearm
July 1	36-complaints 26-doors damaged	9-complaints 7-doors damaged

SAD_Flooding - Fwd: PROS

From: Wade SPARKS
To: SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013/07/05 6:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: PROS

>>> Kevin MORTON 2013/07/04 7:37 PM >>>
Gentlemen,

We have done a bit of backgrounding on the PROS side of the house and on work being done. This along with the firearms stuff may be of interest for any visitors.

Today we had 119 contacts at the front counter, returned 46 firearms, received 40 for storage and 2 for destruction along with a large ammunition for destruction.

Since June 20, the day of the flood we have taken 702 files and since the 23rd we show 497. These files all need significant PROS work to manage the tasks and linking to conclude. We know there are more files as many are not linked at all yet and therefore are unsearchable. This uncountable number could be as high as 10%. The ladies have been doing a lot of research and work to find the most effective way to manage this so it is both complete and trackable.

I have had the guys keep some track of the contacts they have made around town and can tell you that overall the feedback is very good.

Matt Allen is back on the firearm project and it is in good shape. All firearms except one are accounted for and we believe that 1 was secured by the owners wife and is not accessible at this time. It has been listed on CPIC as missing just in case.

Kevin

SAD_Flooding - Firearm issue in High River vs. Alberta Prime Time inquiry

From: Josee VALIQUETTE
To: JONES, Brian; NEELY, Patricia
Date: 2013/07/09 1:29 PM
Subject: Firearm issue in High River vs. Alberta Prime Time inquiry
CC: CAMPBELL, RON; SAD_Flooding; SCHLOSSER, Mary

Hello, I got a call from [redacted] Alberta Prime Time [redacted] and [redacted] had questions about confiscated firearms, processes, etc... Anyhow, I told [redacted] hat one of you would call her back.

Thank you

Sgt. José Valiquette

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From: Patricia NEELY
To: VALIQUETTE, Josee, JONES, Brian
CC: CAMPBELL, RON, SCHLOSSER, Mary, SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Date: 2013/07/09 3:57 PM
Subject: Re: Firearm issue in High River vs. Alberta Prime Time inquiry

I was under the impression Prime Time already did a piece on this. Do you know what info she was looking for?

Sgt. Patricia Neely
 'K' Division Strategic Communications
 Media Relations Officer South
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-----Original Message-----

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 To: JONES, Brian <brian.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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 Cc: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 Cc: <SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 07/09/2013 15:29:51
 Subject: Firearm issue in High River vs. Alberta Prime Time inquiry

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SAD_Flooding - Flood Firearm Seizure Notes Required- Immediately

From: KDIV
To: KDIV_DIST
Date: 2013/07/18 8:02 AM
Subject: Flood Firearm Seizure Notes Required- Immediately

This message has been approved for distribution by Chief Supt. George Stephenson, K Division Criminal Operations.

As you are all aware, the Commission for Public Complaints will be reviewing the circumstances with respect to the seizure of firearms from residences in High River during the flood evacuation.

It is extremely important that we have ALL members / employee notes relating to the seizure of any firearms from residences during the evacuation period in High River.

We will be providing full disclosure to the CPC to ensure that a complete and accurate account of our actions is provided. A very short diary date has been set for this disclosure and therefore we need your cooperation in scanning your notes and forwarding them to the investigative file via the email address **SAD_Flooding**.

It is appreciated that with summer holidays, a number of employees will be away on leave. If you are aware of your coworker having notes relating to the seizure of any firearms, please make solid attempts to obtain a copy and forward them.

As you can imagine, there are a large number of emails being sent to the Flood email account. To assist with the organization of this request, please ensure the following is pasted into the subject line of the email: **NOTES: Flood Firearms Seizure**

Diary Date: 2013-07-26

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sgt. Beth LEATHERDALE, K Division eMCM.

This message has been approved for distribution to everyone's mailbox in "K" Division.
 (Administration Manual III.2.)

This mailbox will not be checked for messages.
 Please respond to the originator of the message.
 Thank you

SAD_Flooding - Fwd: Flood Firearm Seizure Notes Required- Immediately

From: Peter PILGRIM
To: SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013/07/18 6:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Flood Firearm Seizure Notes Required- Immediately
Attachments: Flood Firearm Seizure Notes Required- Immediately

Please be advised that I have canvassed my members who provided assistance to High River.

The following members attended and did not seize any firearms:

Cpl. Christina Fenc
 Cst. Mark Allison
 Cst. Dallas Traill
 Cst. Neil Vaid

The only member who did seize a firearm was Cst. Matthew Teske. He has advised that he has provided a copy of his notes previously.

Peter

S/Sgt Peter Pilgrim
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Beth LEATHERDALE - Re: General EMail to all STO Members

From: Yvon De CHAMPLAIN
To: FULLER, Scott
Date: 2013/07/31 12:55 PM
Subject: Re: General EMail to all STO Members
CC: HARRISON, Kevin; LEATHERDALE, Beth; STEPHENSON, George

Scott;

Thank you for that. Excellent job.

Yvon

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>>> Scott FULLER 2013/07/31 10:18 AM >>>

Yvon

All teams accounted for. No STO members seized any guns from secured cabinets. I have enclosed an excerpt from one of the members which sums up the operating procedures we had in place.

1. inform our team lead and scribe of any unsecured firearm that was in plain sight and 2. make arrangements for someone from the High River detachment to come and seize the firearms.

We did not search for firearms and only firearms that were in the open/in plain sight were to be noted and secured. The purpose of the searches were for people and animals in distress. I know that our team did not have any tools to open a locked gun cabinet and I didn't take any guns from any cabinet locked or unlocked

Now on a side note, as it was primarily the detachment members who would attend the identified locations and seize the firearms, I cannot speak to their actions. I suppose it is possible they did, but what is clear is clear that STO was not involved in the seizure of secured firearms.

Scott

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>>> Yvon De CHAMPLAIN 2013/07/29 4:02 PM >>>
Scott:

Could you please forward this EMail to all STO members and request reply by July 31st or as soon as practicable if on leave.

STO Members:

Can you please confirm whether any firearms were seized from residences in High River that were securely stored.

Thanking you in advance,

Yvon de Champlain, Supt

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TASK AND TASK ACTION REPORT

TASK00139 - INCIDENT: FIREARMS SEIZURES: - HIGH RIVER

ASSIGNED TO: PS MCDONALD, John

TASK ASSIGNED: Task assigned to track communications regarding the seizure of firearms during the High River flooding

TASK SUMMARY:

TASK INVESTIGATIVE ACTIONS

2013-06-28 08:46

Author: Sgt VALIQUETTE, Josee

Task Action: 1,335

From: Josee VALIQUETTE

To: NEELY, Patricia

CC: SAD_Flooding; SCHLOSSER, Mary; WOOLSEY, Garrett

Date: 2013-06-28 08:46

Subject: Request from Minister Denis's office - Seizure of firearms - Communication

Hello Patty,

Christine Nardella, head communicator for the Minister's office just called me and advise she just left a message for you. (I advise that you folks maybe in morning briefing, etc...) Anyhow, can you please call her 780-427-7431.

They have questions/concerns, etc...

thanks

J

Sgt. Josée Valliquette

"K" Division North MRO

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2013-06-28 08:59

Author: Sgt NEELY, Patricia

Task Action: 1,340

From: Patricia NEELY

To: VALIQUETTE, Josee

CC: WOOLSEY, Garrett, SCHLOSSER, Mary, SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Date: 2013-06-28 08:59

Subject: Re: Request from Minister Denis's office - Seizure of firearms - Communication

Spoke to her just now.

Sgt. Patricia Neely

'K' Division Strategic Communications

Media Relations Officer South

403 699 2418

---Original Message---

From: Josee VALIQUETTE

Cc: WOOLSEY, Garrett <garrett.woolsey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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TASK AND TASK ACTION REPORT

TASK00139 - INCIDENT: FIREARMS SEIZURES: - HIGH RIVER

To: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: <SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/28/2013 10:46:44

Subject: Request from Minister Denis's office - Seizure of firearms - Communication

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2013-06-28 09:43 Author: CM CLACK, Aaron Task Action: 1,332

From: Aaron CLACK

To: GREEN, Deborah

CC: SAD_Flooding

Date: 2013-06-28 09:43

Subject: Open Source

Cpl Green,

There is a significant amount of concern being voiced regarding the collection of guns that were in plain sight from homes in High River. These firearms were collected for safekeeping to ensure safety and ensure they were not stolen.

Can you please take a look into this issue?

Aaron

Aaron Clack, M.Sc., C.C.A.

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2013-06-28 10:04

Author: S/Sgt SPARKS, Wade

Task Action: 1,333

From: Wade SPARKS
To: SAD_Flooding
CC: MORTON, Kevin
Date: 2013-06-28 10:04
Subject: FIREARMS: Seized for Safekeeping / Return to owner

Spoke with S/Sgt. Kevin Morton. He will liaise with Insp. Stewart's group to acquire 5 resources to review all firearms seized during this evacuation. Each firearm will be subject of a CPIC check to ensure that it is not stolen property. S/Sgt. Morton confirms that a PROS entry has been created for each address that firearms were located and subsequently seized for safe keeping. When the owner presents, PROS will be searched by address given. The firearms are documented on paper 1625 Exhibit forms. All efforts will be made to ensure ownership and the owners ability to safely store prior to turning firearms over. Once returned the owner will sign the 1625 returned. This document can be scanned to PROS. It is not a requirement to add property to PROS Property screen. S/Sgt. Morton will draft a plan that outlines a consistent procedure for this process. It will be clear that no one will face charges for unsafe storage.

Firearms identified as stolen will be made subject of a new PROS file and assigned for follow up. Individuals identified as being prohibited from possession will be dealt with per existing policy. These firearms will be added to PROS Property screen and secured in the main exhibit holding locker. A Report to a Justice (5.2) will be required for the firearms deemed to be stolen and / or subject of a prohibition order.

S/Sgt. Morton to confirm by Email once all firearms have been checked on CPIC and advise results.

S/Sgt. W.D. (Wade) Sparks

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2013-06-28 10:22

Author: S/Sgt SPARKS, Wade

Task Action: 1,334

From: Wade SPARKS
To: SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013-06-28 10:22
Subject: Fwd: Re: FIREARMS: Seized for Safekeeping / Return to owner

>>> Terry WICKETT 2013/06/28 10:16 AM >>>

Kevin - I spoke with Wade on this issue - If you want an extra resource on the firearm issue - I can assist with that area as a firearms verifier with id of firearms etc. whenever that may be also the firearms guys in section might be good resource for it as well.

Terry

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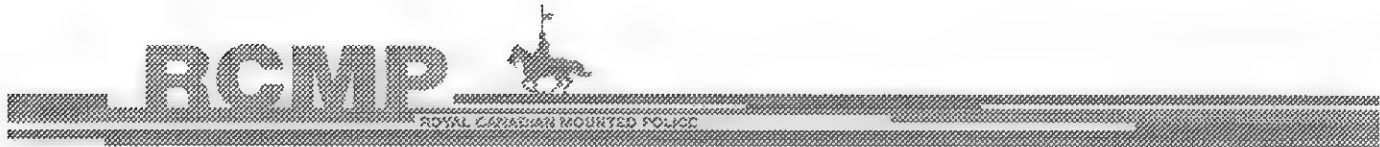
2013-06-28 11:40

Author: Sgt VALIQUETTE, Josee

Task Action: 1,339

From: Josee VALIQUETTE
To: Gagnon, Julie; HQ_CommsAlert
CC: AVERY, Janine; Media Relations, RCMP Alberta; SAD_Flooding; SCHLOSSER, Mary; TURNER, Ken
Date: 2013-06-28 11:40
Subject: Media monitoring by Public Safety Media monitoring - Flood
Attachments: Re: Media monitoring; Media monitoring; Re: Media monitoring
Julie, last week Saturday I ask you for media monitoring done by Public Safety Media Monitoring to be done and sent to K_div flooding.
Can we ask that all should also be sent to SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca <mailto:SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> as well as <<mailto:media.relations.rcmp.alberta@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>>
Today our we are very interested in the interviews/statement with the Premier of Alberta and the PMO's office in regards to the seizure of firearms in High River.
Thank you
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From: Josee VALIQUETTE
To: Gagnon, Julie
Date: 2013-06-22 09:58
Subject: Re: Media monitoring

You the best... thanks

>>> Julie Gagnon 6/22/2013 11:54 AM >>>
Hello everyone,

The address KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca has been added to the 2013 Flooding Season: Government Operations Centre - Situation Report (Prairies) - Distribution List manage by Public Safety. Media snapshot made by their media monitoring team last night will be provided as well.

Julie
Sgt. Julie Gagnon
RCMP Media Relations / Relation avec les medias de la GRC
813-843-5999

—Original Message—

From: VALIQUETTE, Josee(Josee VALIQUETTE)
Cc: DE GOEIJ, Glenn <glenn.degoelj@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: WOOLSEY, Garrett <garrett.woolsey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: <KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Gagnon, Julie <julie.gagnon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/22/2013 11:01:06 AM
Subject: Media monitoring

Good morning folks.

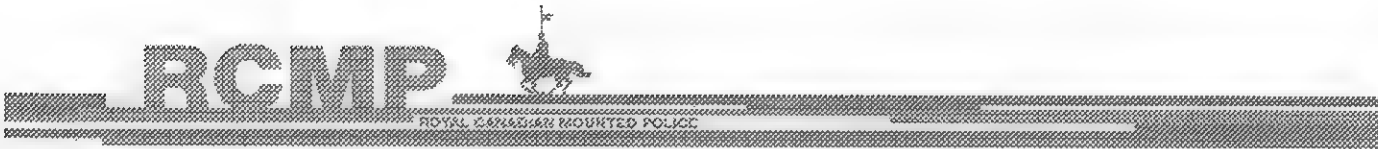
I have been in contact with Sgt Julie Gagnon of NHQ Comms through this incident and this am she advised that: ongoing media monitoring can be done by Public Safety Media monitoring and they will add your general emails to their distribution list. I don't know if they monitor radio, Internet and TV though. Julie can you advise. Thank you Sgt. Josee Valiquette from mobile

From: VALIQUETTE, Josee(Josee VALIQUETTE)
To: KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca, WOOLSEY, Garrett, SCHLOSSER, Mary, NEELY, Patricia
Cc: DE GOEIJ, Glenn, Gagnon, Julie
Date: 2013-06-22 09:01
Subject: Media monitoring

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Sgt. Josee Vallquette from mobile

From: Josee VALIQUETTE
To: Gagnon, Julie
Date: 2013-06-22 09:09
Subject: Re: Media monitoring

Well please. I may be asked if there is fee. I asune not!!!

Sgt. Josee Vallquette from mobile

—Original Message—

From: Julie Gagnon
Cc: DE GOEIJ, Glenn <glenn.degoelj@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: WOOLSEY, Garrett <garrett.woolsey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: VALIQUETTE, Josee <josee.vallquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: <KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/22/2013 11:03:23
Subject: Re: Media monitoring

Yes. They monitor radio, tv, newspaper and social media. I can ask them to add you
KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca email address and they will push the Info directly there.

Sgt. Julie Gagnon

RCMP Media Relations / Relation avec les medias de la GRC
613-843-5999

—Original Message—

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To: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: <KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Gagnon, Julie <julie.gagnon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/22/2013 11:01:06 AM
Subject: Media monitoring

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2013-06-29 11:27

Author: S/Sgt GINGERYSTY, Grant

Task Action: 1,338

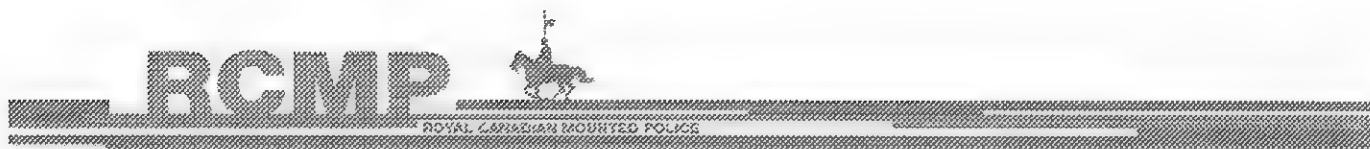
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From: Grant GINGERYSTY
 To: SAD_Flooding
 Date: 2013-06-29 11:27
 Subject: Fwd: TASK: RETURN OF FIREARMS

>>> Bruce FILLIER 2013/06/29 10:18 AM >>>

Ian ...
 Further to our telephone call this morning ... following DEOC (SAD) briefing.
 Please begin the systematic returning of the secured firearms that have been processed today.
 It is my understanding from our discussion that Firearms for those returning to their homes today have been processed and are ready for return. You have two resources from the Site Command to assist today and S/Sgt. MORTON is working on trying to free up more resources for this task.
 Bruce.
 Insp. A.B. FILLIER
 OIC NWR Review Services.

2013-06-29 12:01 Author: Sgt WICKETT, Terry Task Action: 1,337

From: Terry WICKETT
 To: MORTON, Kevin; SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; SHARDLOW, Ian
 Date: 2013-06-29 12:01
 Subject: Re: Fwd: TASK: RETURN OF FIREARMS (SAD_Flooding_Forward)

I have just received phone call from Calgary Shooting Club and they would like to extend offer to those effected people to be able to bring there firearms into the club to have them examined and cleaned if required. The club is listed as below:
 Calgary Shooting Club
 Bay 4 7130 Fischer Road SE
 Calgary, Alta.
 (403) 451-1777
 Terry
 T.E. WICKETT Sgt.
 NCO i/c Claresholm Det.
 (403) 625-4445 Admin
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Email: terry.wickett@rcmp-grc.gc.ca <mailto:terry.wickett@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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>>> SAD_Flooding 2013-06-29 11:27 >>>
 SAD_Flooding_Forward

2013-06-29 12:47 Author: S/Sgt GINGERYSTY, Grant Task Action: 1,336



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From: Grant GINGERYSTY
 To: SAD_Flooding
 Date: 2013-06-29 12:47
 Subject: Fwd: Re: TASK: RETURN OF FIREARMS

>>> Ian SHARDLOW 2013/06/29 10:59 AM >>>

We are stuck at two resources to accomplish this. We have processed the guns from the first zone, work it continuing on the remaining.

We have a couple of concerns regarding the logistics of accomplishing this, and S/Sgt MORTON will be contacting you shortly.

IAN

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Bruce.

Insp. A.B. FILLIER

OIC NWR Review Services.

2013-06-29 14:06

Author: Insp WOOLSEY, Garrett

Task Action: 1,341

From: Garrett WOOLSEY
 To: SAD_Flooding@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
 CC: NEELY, Patricia, KADING, Laurel, JONES, Brian, STEPHENSON, George
 Date: 2013-06-29 14:06
 Subject: COMMS: RETURN OF FIREARMS

From a comms perspective - i suggest we prepare a release to go out very soon after the first firearm is returned.

—Original Message—

From: SAD_Flooding

To: SPARKS, Wade <wade.sparks@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: WICKETT, Terry <Terry.Wickett@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: POTT, Doug <Doug.Pott@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: KADING, Laurel <Laurel.KADING@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: De CHAMPLAIN, Yvon <yvon.dechamplain@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: WOOLSEY, Garrett <garrett.woolsey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: QUIST, Brian <brian.quist@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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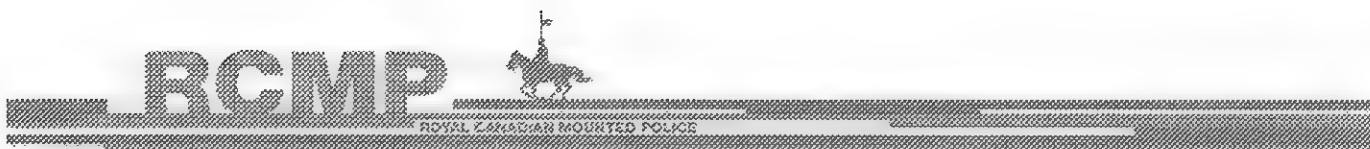
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 To: WOODLOCK, John <John.Woodlock@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 To: FRANKS, Sharon <Sharon.Franks@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 To: LEATHERDALE, Beth <Beth.LEATHERDALE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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 To: DAWKINS, Darryl <darryl.l.dawkins@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 To: MCMILLEN, Michele <michele.mcmillen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 To: SABATINI, Lauran <lauran.sabatini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 2013-06-29 02:47:15 PM

Subject: Fwd: Re: TASK: RETURN OF FIREARMS (SAD_Flooding_Forward)

SAD_Flooding_Forward

2013-06-29 20:47

Author: Insp FLEURY, Darcy

Task Action: 1,343

From: Darcy FLEURY
 To: SAD_Flooding
 Date: 2013-06-29 20:47
 Subject: Fwd: Pros files
 Attachments: Pros files

From: LEATHERDALE, Beth(Beth LEATHERDALE)
 To: COLBOURNE, Chris
 CC: REID, Stephen, FLEURY, Darcy
 Date: 2013-06-29 20:03
 Subject: Pros files

Hi Chris,

I sent you a PIN about PROS reports generated as a result of the firearms seizures in High River.

My understanding is that a Pros file was generated for each address where fire arms were seized. Then a hard copy 1625 was completed for each residence, detailing the guns seized.

Are you able to pull the Pros reports specific to those files? Can you provide them electronically to Cpl. Reid?

I realize that all of the notes etc may not be attached yet, however it will give them a place to start here..

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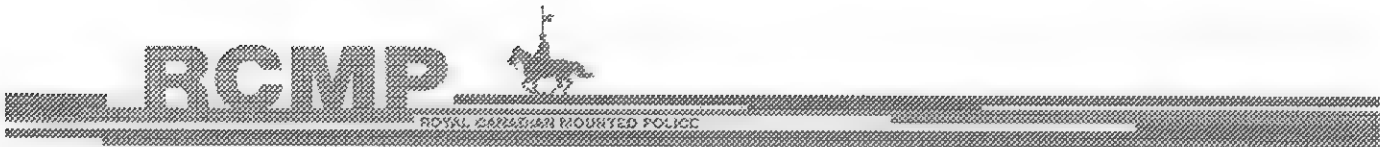


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Sorry if this is confusing, but please contact Stephen Reid here if you need further information. I am just the messenger and know you have PROS powers!

Thanks!

Beth

2013-06-30 08:15

Author: Sgt COLBOURNE, Chris

Task Action: 2,296

From: Chris COLBOURNE
To: REID, Stephen
CC: LEATHERDALE, Beth, FLEURY, Darcy
Date: 6/30/2013 8:15 AM
Subject: Re: Pros files

Please let me know when I can call you to discuss how you want to link all the PROS occurrences together.

As a trial I linked your original PROS occurrence number (2013741388). If you now query in PROS using the Fast Find occurrence search and enter this occurrence number you will get results to show the few occurrences I have linked so far. I did not want to go any further until speaking to you first. The original PROS occurrence that is restricted will not show up, but all the one's I link to that number will when you do that single search.

I can also generate one big Occurrence Summary Report for all the occurrences and save it as a pdf for you to load into E&R III. If necessary or save pdf Occurrence Summary Reports for each occurrence individually if preferred.

I will need a date range to use when pulling the data from PROS. The date when the seizure of firearms from evacuated homes began and when it finished will help identify those occurrences from other matters stemming from before the flood.

As for the seized items, it may be easier to set High River Det. up with barcoding for their exhibits and enter the items into each of the PROS occurrences as created for their seizure. The Detachment will need to manage the seized goods for some time forward and they use PROS and not E&R III. I can assist with that as well if you want to go that way and there are lots of short cuts in PROS to streamline the linking (link property seized to the address it was seized from and later to the owner once identified or the person collecting the items).

Once items are loaded into PROS a report can be generated to show each item and where it was seized from along with the movements of each item.

Please advise when you are available so we can determine how you want the information presented.

Sgt. Chris Colbourne
SCB / KARE
(780)264-7823
Chris.Colbourne@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Sent from my BB
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From: LEATHERDALE, Beth(Beth LEATHERDALE)
Cc: FLEURY, Darcy <Darcy.FLEURY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: COLBOURNE, Chris <chris.colbourne@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: REID, Stephen <Stephen.Reid@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/29/2013 22:03:25

Subject: Pros files

Hi Chris,

I sent you a PIN about PROS reports generated as a result of the firearms seizures in High River.

My understanding is that a Pros file was generated for each address where fire arms were seized. Then a hard copy 1625 was completed for each residence, detailing the guns seized.

Are you able to pull the Pros reports specific to those files? Can you provide them electronically to Cpl. Reid?

I realize that all of the notes etc may not be attached yet, however it will give them a place to start here..

Sorry if this is confusing, but please contact Stephen Reid here if you need further information. I am just the messenger and know you have PROS powers!

Thanks!

Beth

2013-07-01 07:50

Author: S/Sgt GINGERYSTY, Grant

Task Action: 1,342

From: Grant GINGERYSTY
To: SAD_Flooding
Date: 2013-07-01 07:50
Subject: Fwd: Re: Firearms Spreadsheet

>>> Grant GINGERYSTY 2013/06/30 8:58 PM >>>

Thanks guys,
Greatly appreciated.
Grant

-----Original Message-----

From: Darryl DAWKINS
To: GINGERYSTY, Grant <Grant.GINGERYSTY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: WOODLOCK, John <John.Woodlock@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: REID, Stephen <Stephen.Reid@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 2013-06-30 22:55:41

Subject: Firearms Spreadsheet

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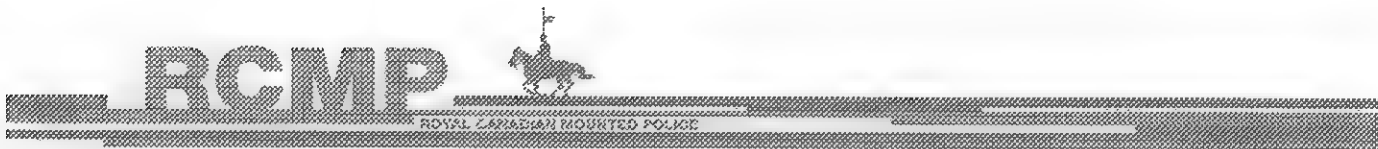


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Grant,

Cpl. REID and I have completed the spreadsheet related to specifically the firearms seized by the RCMP in High River. I will attach it onto an encrypted email. If you have any questions please call me anytime!!

Thank you,

Cpl. D.L. DAWKINS
50850

Cpl. Darryl DAWKINS
Organized Crime Investigator Team #3
Cell: 403-801-4455
darryl.l.dawkins@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

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2013-07-01 09:08

Author: Sgt COLBOURNE, Chris

Task Action: 2,297

From: Chris COLBOURNE
To: REID, Stephen
CC: FLEURY, Darcy, LEATHERDALE, Beth
Date: 7/1/2013 9:08 AM
Subject: Re: Flood file - PROS occurrence summaries - need PKI token to open
Attachments: Flood file - PROS occurrence summaries - need PKI token to open

I've generated a summary report for each of the 102 PROS occurrences I found. I can send them when you want.

Sgt. Chris Colbourne
SCB / KARE
(780)264-7823
Chris.Colbourne@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Sent from my BB

—Original Message—

From: Chris COLBOURNE
Cc: FLEURY, Darcy <Darcy.FLEURY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: LEATHERDALE, Beth <Beth.LEATHERDALE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: REID, Stephen <Stephen.Reid@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/30/2013 14:18:50
Subject: Flood file - PROS occurrence summaries - need PKI token to open

2013-07-01 12:28

Author: S/Sgt WHITE, Brett

Task Action: 2,519

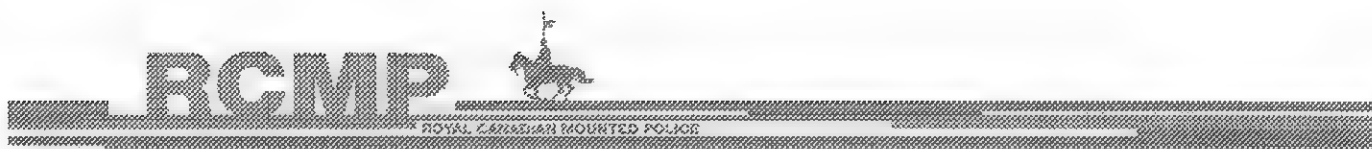
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From: Brett WHITE
 To: HARRISON, Kevin
 Date: 2013/07/01 12:28 PM
 Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Seizure of Firearms
 Thanks v-much I did get the response and we have concl. the task.
 Thank you-Brett

>>> Kevin HARRISON 2013-07-01 12:13 >>>

I took over for George again today. Just took a spin down to High River and now heading to the camp. Just to confirm, you got the response to Marianne.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brett WHITE
 To: HARRISON, Kevin <Kevin.Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 Sent: 7/1/2013 1:43:49 PM
 Subject: Fwd: Re: Seizure of Firearms

Kevin- Just a heads up, may be asking this question for the Premier. If you have an up to date answer if you could let us know that would be great.

Also who is in the EOC this date that I should be dealing with?

Thank you

S/Sgt B White, Risk Manager
 RCMP Criminal Operations

>>> George STEPHENSON 2013-07-01 11:40 >>>

Brett,

I am now on two days RTO and returning to home.

Kevin is the Incident Commander in SAD EOC.

Your request sent to Kevin and Marianne for reply.

Marianne, As it is very busy in EOC I recommend a phone call to Kevin to bring this request to his attention for a quick reply.

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Brett WHITE
 To: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 To: FLEURY, Darcy <Darcy.FLEURY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
 Sent: 07/01/2013 13:09:16
 Subject: Seizure of Firearms

Good Morning

As noted Premier Redford is looking for the number of Firearms seized to date in High River.

Can you provide approx numbers?? This Information will be provided

Thank you

S/Sgt B White, Risk Manager
 RCMP Criminal Operations

From: @gov.ab.ca>

Date: 1 July, 2013 10:56:31 AM MDT

To: @gov.ab.ca>, @gov.ab.ca>, @gov.ab.ca>, @gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: SKRep

Thanks Or perhaps because they don't have registration papers for them...

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The Premier asked this morning if it's possible to get the numbers of weapons that were secured. For background info only. She knows the story is going away and has no intention of adding more light to it. Just wanted background info if possible.

Andre

2013-07-02 12:33

Author: S/Sgt GINGERYSTY, Grant

Task Action: 1,915

>>> John McDONALD 2013/07/03 10:29 AM >>>

Darryl,

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>>> Grant GINGERYSTY 2013/07/03 9:39 AM >>>

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Grant

>>> Rob Marsollier 2013/07/03 8:56 AM >>>

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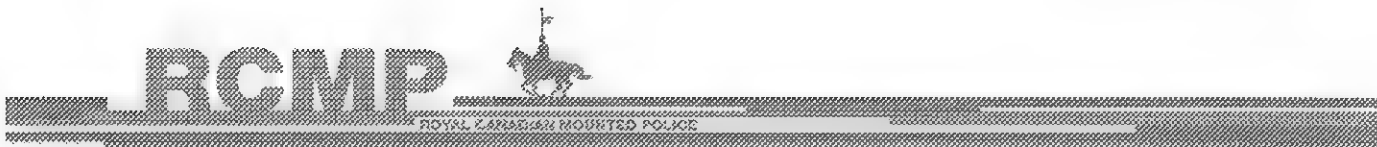
—Original Message—

From: FULLER, Scott (Scott FULLER)

Cc: De CHAMPLAIN, Yvon <yvon.dechamplain@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: WOOLSEY, Garrett <garrett.woolsey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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TASK00139 - INCIDENT: FIREARMS SEIZURES: - HIGH RIVER

To: SMART, Frank <frank.d.smart@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/25/2013 13:54:16

Subject: Search Numbers

Frank

Search numbers for 2013-06-25 at 11:30 hrs

Buildings Entered:

4,668

Forced Entries:

754

People Located In Evac Zones:

327

Rescued people (Initiated by STO Team for various reasons):

38

Special Note:

63 buildings in Zone 8 not entered due to water level or structural integrity.

Scott

2013-07-02 14:33 Author: S/Sgt GINGERYSTY, Grant Task Action: 2,030

>>> Rob Marsollier 2013/07/02 2:14 PM >>>

Grant,

104-firearm seizure files created.

542-firearms seized

85-have been returned to 7 people.

4-file have not been updated as to how many seized.

Largest seizure was 93 from one home of which 60 were returned.

rob

2013-07-03 11:07 Author: S/Sgt GINGERYSTY, Grant Task Action: 1,914

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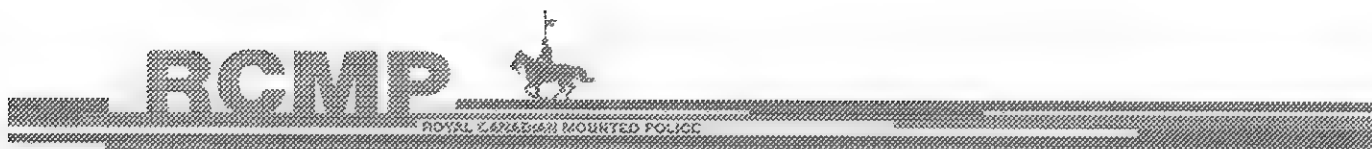


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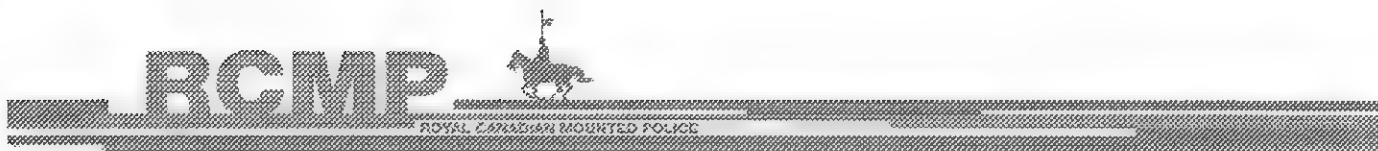
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4,668

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754

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Special Note:

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Scott

2013-07-05 10:59 Author: S/Sgt NESS, Dave Task Action: 1,916

For info and filing, information to Premier.

Dave.

>>> Kevin MORTON 2013/07/05 10:44 AM >>>

>>> Kevin MORTON 2013/07/05 10:38 AM >>>

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Kevin

>>> Fern CURRIE 2013/07/05 8:23 AM >>>

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Fern

Cpl. F. M. Currie

Provincial Operations Centre (POC)

780-427-8626

2013-07-05 10:59

Author: S/Sgt NESS, Dave

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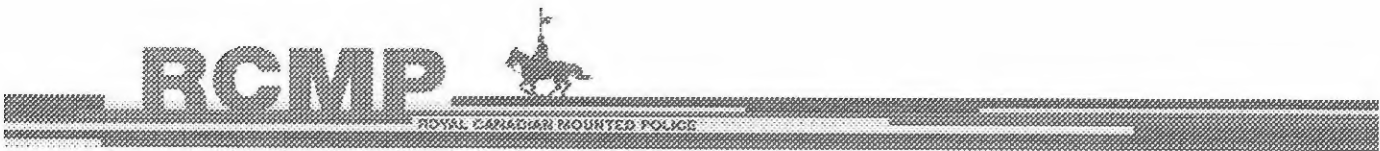


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Cpl. F. M. Currie

Provincial Operations Centre (POC)

780-427-8626

2013-07-09 17:01

Author: S/Sgt SPARKS, Wade

Task Action: 1,918

>>> Ian SHARDLOW 2013/07/09 1:02 PM >>>

Stolen Firearms Complaint In High River
2013-840457

2013-07-10 14:16

Author: S/Sgt SPARKS, Wade

Task Action: 1,917

High River Files
2013-840457 COM of Break and Enter/Theft
2013-849488 Production of Marihuana and Firearms Return

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